

"...Certainly the motive of the debunker was to distract and confuse the media and gain public attention for himself. The impact of (our) genuine UFO photographs would have been undercut had the fake photos not been exposed. Manuel Fernandez, Antonio Huneus, and Jim Moseley deserve the credit for uncovering Mr. Jones and his debunking plot."

- Ed and Frances Walters, writing in their brand new book "UFO Abductions in Gulf Breeze", an Avon Paperback Book. (See discussion below.)

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"MR. ED" RIDES AGAIN!

Amazingly, the 39 photographs and numerous frightening experiences (1987-1988) that gave rise to the first book by Ed Walters & his wife (called "The Gulf Breeze Sightings"), are still the subject of endless controversy six years later, even now as their second book comes out! California's "UFO" Magazine is currently printing a series of articles, two of them "pro-Ed", written by someone named Scott Smith, followed by two "anti" articles, written by a CUFOS team headed by Jerry Black. If nothing else, Ed's alleged experiences have divided the UFO field more profoundly than anything else has ever done, and have helped to create a deep schism in MUFON between ufological conservatives and more Belief-minded members.

Since publication of "The Gulf Breeze Sightings", the life of Ed Walters has changed in many ways. In spite of all the publicity, he continues to build houses in his home town of Gulf Breeze, but his two children have grown up, and he and his wife Frances have divorced - splitting in equal parts a fortune of approximately 2½ million dollars, made from his construction business, outside investments, and the (first) book. That book did not sell well in hard-cover, and Ed may have come out ahead of the publisher with his large cash advance, in the neighborhood of \$200,000.

This second book, "UFO Abductions in Gulf Breeze", wisely has come out in paperback rather than hard-cover; and Mr. Ed, with whom we remain on friendly terms, told us by phone very recently that he deliberately kept the name of the publisher secret until publication, to avoid attempts to suppress the book, such as were made by arch-debunker Phil Klass the first time around. Klass contacted the first publisher (William Morrow & Co., N.Y.) by phone and/or letter, attempting to dissuade them from printing the book at all! Though we have made it clear to all that we don't really believe in Ed's alleged ufological experiences, we do believe strongly in freedom of the press!

The quote at the top of this page refers to notorious debunker Dr. Willy

Smith, rather than "Mr. Jones", as Ed calls him in Chapter 16 of "UFO Abductions in Gulf Breeze". The story of Smith's involvement with Ed is a very complex one, which has been discussed in several past issues of "Saucer Smear"; but Ed's rendering of the details, as told in Chapter 16, is essentially correct according to our best recollection. Smith actually did try to "frame" Ed in order to embarrass him.

In recent years, though still living and working in Gulf Breeze, Ed has avoided the spotlight, and has distanced himself from a local "hard core", headed by Bruce & Ann Morrison, who still go out almost every evening to watch for UFOs. Ed tells us that his deal with Avon Books includes a stipulation that he will not have to make personal appearances to promote the book, as he did with the first one - appearing, among many other places, as a speaker at the National UFO Conference's 1990 convention in Miami Beach, Florida.

Now, re "UFO Abductions in Gulf Breeze": It presents transcripts of hypnotic regression sessions Ed had with one Dr. Dan Overlade, a qualified psychologist, leading to the conclusion that Mr. Ed had been abducted by aliens several times in his life, including on the night of May 1st, 1988 - a multiple-horror evening for Ed, about which the first book indicates that he merely experienced "missing time". There were those of us who suspected, even then, what this "missing time" might signify!

Unfortunately Dr. Overlade, who has written quite a bit of the material in "UFO Abductions", died quite suddenly of natural causes in 1990, and thus is not available at this time for cross-examination. All we of "Smear" know is that Ed has told conflicting stories over the years, as to whether or not he was ever really abducted. In "The Gulf Breeze Sightings" the answer is yes; but in a 1990 (?) appearance on the nationally-televised Oprah Winfrey Show, his answer was definitely no. In conversations with your editor, Ed has made statements to the effect that he has had "vivid dreams" which he cannot confidently describe as having any physical reality.

"UFO Abductions" also contains many UFO sightings as documented by a local "Gulf Breeze Research Team", spearheaded by MUFONite Gary Watson and others. This is the same group we referred to earlier, in whose company even your hard-hearted "Smear" editor made a close-up sighting of something, on the evening of May 10th, 1992. To us it looked suspiciously like a flare of some sort, but who knows? Whatever it was, it was in sight for almost four minutes, and was videotaped by others in the crowd.

So, fellow ufonuts - we urge you to run (don't walk!) to your nearest bookstore, buy "UFO Abductions in Gulf Breeze", and judge the book for yourselves. If you get abducted thereafter, send the story swiftly and directly to Ed & Frances for possible use in their third book, if there is one.

Ed Walters lurks at: P.O. Box 715, Gulf Breeze, Florida 32562.



ARE ALIEN SPACE MONSTERS BRING- ING A STARTLING NEW WORLD?

CRYSTAL SKY PRODUCTIONS of California has just completed a 13 hour documentary on the UFO mystery and will be syndicated on television early in 1994. It is titled DARE TO ASK WHY - THE UFO PHENOMENON and features Jim Moseley and others.

FURTHER THOUGHTS ON THE ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO CASE:

As expected, our comments about the Roswell case in the last "Smear" brought forth sharp disagreement from many of our fans. Some of these points are printed in the Letters section of this issue.

One thing that everyone, including skeptic Christopher Allan, seems to agree on is that the proper date for the FBI telex is July 8th, 1947, rather than July 6th, even though it says July 6th right on the telex. Obviously we are missing something here.

Another thing that we feel confident everyone agrees on, is that the Roswell UFO was not a Japanese Fugo Balloon, as famed Fortean theorist John Keel insists it was! Some aspects of the fragments found in the "debris field" sound like a Fugo; but since these Japanese balloons must have stopped being sent across the Pacific at least by the time World War II ended in August, 1945, it is hard to imagine how one of them could have stayed aloft for almost two years and then come crashing down into New Mexico! Sorry, John.

One thing that makes us happy is that our timing could not have been better, in starting a Roswell re-hash in our last issue. We now learn from Phil Klass' SUN Newsletter (Jan., 1994) and elsewhere that an official investigation of the alleged Roswell government cover-up has been launched by the General Accounting Office (GAO), at the instigation of Congressman Steven Schiff of New Mexico, a member of the influential Government Operations Committee. This same GAO recently made headlines by revealing that the Atomic Energy Commission conducted experiments from 1948 to 1952 which secretly and intentionally exposed U.S. citizens to radiation. Thus it can be assumed that the GAO is serious when they make an investigation, and there may well be hope that we will learn something new about Roswell quite soon, after all these years!

Incidentally, the letter on Page 8 is from a well-known UFO personality, and though it is a parody of Klass' SUN Newsletter, the last two paragraphs of this letter are literally true - according to the writer.

In closing, we would like to congratulate Thomas Carey for his series of articles in the International UFO Reporter (IUR) in which he explains his painstaking efforts to find the legendary archaeologists who supposedly appeared at one of the two supposed Roswell "crash sites" shortly after the crashed UFO & dead bodies were found by others. In short, there seems to have been no such archaeologists. However, there is a second "crash site" in which Carey and other researchers have more confidence.

And, we would like to congratulate ourselves for having snagged the two leading current experts (or "experts") on the Roswell case as speakers at our forthcoming National UFO Conference in Cleveland, Ohio on the weekend of Sept. 16th-18th. They are, in alphabetical order, Stanton Friedman and Kevin Randle. To say that these two gentlemen don't see eye to eye on all aspects of the case is putting it mildly; but both are excellent speakers, and both believe that an interplanetary craft was involved. Randle will have published by that time a brand new book appropriately called "UFO Crash at Roswell".

Ask for our Fact Sheet giving further details about the Convention....

MISCELLANEOUS RAVINGS:

TV producer Russ Estes is currently selling two interesting videos. The first is called "Alien Abductions: Alternative Explanations and Guidelines", in which a reputable psychologist named Dr. William Cone gives a reasonable, common-sense commentary on the abduction phenomenon. (Thus, hard-core abductionists probably won't like it, but we did!)

The other video, narrated by Estes, is called "The Quality of the Messenger: An Inside Look at the Quest for Credible Information in the Field of UFO Research". This tape features Don Ecker of "UFO" Magazine giving brief but juicy exposes of ufologists Mel Noel, George Green, Bob Lazar, and Bill Cooper. The tape ends with an amusing expose of "Dr." Harley Byrd, without,

however, giving the reason that Byrd likes to think of himself as a nephew of the late Admiral Richard Byrd, the famed polar explorer. You see, Byrd sells the secret diary of Admiral Byrd, in which the explorer describes his trip into the Inner Earth. This diary is so secret that Admiral Byrd probably never even read it himself!

Anyhow, these videos are available for \$37.95 each from: C.S.P. Marketing, 14962 Bear Valley Road, Suite G-115, Victorville, Ca. 92392. Well worthwhile!

This, by the way, is the same outfit which is bringing out the UFO documentary described at the bottom right of Page 2....

Those of you (such as Jerry Clark, for instance) who are interested historically in the colorful contactees of the 1950s, would enjoy reading the Jan. 1994 issue of "Classified Communications" (poor title!), published by MUFONite Erich Aggen Jr., 4319 Holmes, Kansas City, Mo. 64110. It contains a fascinating run-down on Buck Nelson, the retired security officer (according to Aggen) who used to hold picturesque UFO conventions in rural Missouri back in the good olde days. Aggen is interested in receiving information about other obscure early contactees such as the Mitchell sisters, Dan Martin, William Ferguson, Hope Troxell, Carl Anderson, and Chief Frank B. Standing Horse....

An article in the Dec. 27th, 1993 issue of Time Magazine informs us of the astounding fact that 69 percent of the people polled said they believe in the existence of angels! And 46% believe they have their own guardian angel. It looks like CSICOP is hopelessly losing its battle to stamp out vile superstition!...

TIDBITS OF TRASH:

As mentioned elsewhere, the 31st National UFO Conference (NUFOC) will be held in Cleveland, Ohio on the weekend of September 16th-18th. For details, ask us for a copy of our preliminary Fact Sheet on same.... Riley Crabb, former director of Borderland Science Research Associates (BSRA) of California, is at death's door in New Zealand, where he now lives. Incidentally, does anyone out there know the current address of BSRA? We've lost it....Bill LaParl has announced another contest with a \$1,000 first prize, this one on the topic: "Are All Crop Circles Merely Hoaxes?" Applicants should write directly to LaParl for details, at: 19 Wood Street, Hopkinton, Ma. 01748-1132....There will be a TREAT VI conference on April 28th - May 1st, in Virginia Beach, Va. This is Rima Laibow's group, which held a disastrous convention in Santa Fe, N.M. last year. This one will feature "Remote Viewing" and MORE! Write to: TREAT, 615 Broadway, Hastings-on-Hudson, N.Y. 10706....Allen Greenfield has published an updated version of his zine "The Paraufologist", and will send a copy of it to anyone who sends him one dollar in stamps or cash to: 1138 Woodland Ave., Atlanta, Ga. 30324.

LETTERS TO YE OLDE EDITOR:

KEVIN RANDLE writes:

"My first inclination was to allow the Friedman letter (in your last issue) to go unchallenged because his allegations are, as usual, ridiculous. But, on second thought...

"It is absolutely true that I have written a number of works of science fiction, action-adventure, murder mystery, techno-thriller, and western, along with a large number of articles and five (three published, two to be) books

Asleep

A local woman was arrested after allegedly falling asleep outside the Schooner Wharf Bar.

Police responded to the Friday call at 5:40 p.m. and apparently found Linda Fuller trying to get some sleep on the dock.

She was asked repeatedly by management and the police to leave the premises. When Fuller allegedly refused, she was arrested by police and charged with trespassing.

Police said they found an open bottle of vodka, and charged her with having an open container of alcohol.

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on UFOs. I have always clearly labeled my fiction as such. Too bad Friedman can't make a similar claim. His scientific method seems to be advocacy rather than investigation. How else to explain his rationalizations about Gerald Anderson? The things he claims to be fiction are fact - such as the MJ-12 document being fraudulent or there was no crash on the Plains of San Agustin. Instead of searching for the truth, he'd rather muddy the water. How else to explain his use of 'alleged telephone company employee' when he admitted that he knew she worked there?

"You would think that before Friedman criticizes a work, such as the movie 'Roswell', he would wait to see it. Doesn't the scientific method demand that you examine the evidence before passing judgment on it? Besides, it is a movie and not a documentary. Of course, what use is a documentary if it contains the fiction of MJ-12, Gerald Anderson, or the idea that anything alien crashed on the Plains of San Agustin?..."

Frequent "Smear" critic BRIAN PARKS writes:

"...The correct date of the Roswell teletype is July 8th, not the 6th. This very important date involved the transfer of material from Roswell to Fort Worth (Eighth Air Force) and then to Wright-Patterson AFB in Ohio. It was the same day as General Ramey's balloon cover story press conference from Fort Worth. You and Mr. Allan seem to suggest it absurd that the Military would lie to the FBI, even though we have first-hand testimony from then Major Marcell that they lied to the press on that very day. If either of you had done any research you would know that FBI memoranda of the same time period refer to the lack of cooperation from the Army Air Force concerning the 'Flying Saucer' investigation, including one memo which ends with a notation about crashed discs in Hoover's own handwriting. Is it even worth mentioning that the Roswell teletype is reproduced in full on page 133-134 of the 'Roswell Incident' (HC) even though Allan insists that it is not in any books due to some conspiracy among researchers to hide the truth in it!

"All of us poor ufologists have a bias. However, some of us do more than pronounce our opinion as though fact, in order to back us up."

Roswell scholar JERRY LUCCI writes:

"...I have a very open mind to the possibility that the Roswell crash represents something else besides visitors from the stars, but there is almost no doubt that it was not an ordinary or even a special type of weather balloon. Perhaps if all the powers-that-be could set aside their petty differences, the approach could focus on bringing to the attention of legislators across the country that some kind of cover-up is in place since 1947:"

Researcher PETE TATE of England writes as follows:

"As usual, 'Smear' is great stuff, in a world where we can't seem to rely on things as we used to, and generally falling standards. 'Smear' remains up to the mark, with all the real things that are happening in the ufological world, such as libel, slander, subversion, mystery, and intrigue.

SHOE JEFF MacNELLY



"And apropos such things (or some of them), when will the Roswell business die down? It seems to me a dead dog that won't lie down. It may be that there are crashed saucers, etc., but it seems unlikely, and until someone produces concrete evidence, just so much supposition..."

The inevitable ROBERT ANTON WILSON writes:

"I loved your latest issue, especially the story about the encounter between Budd Hopkins and Perez de Cuellar. Your description of 'Saucer Logic' (if an alleged witness denies seeing an alleged event, that only proves how far the cover-up extends), hit the nail on the head. This logic is not limited to the UFO field, however. It appears constantly in Assassination Conspiracy Theory, too. Ultimately it derives, I think, from the theologian who claimed God planted dinosaur bones and other 'pre-Edenic' evidence in the ground just so those sinful ones without True Faith would fall into the trap of Heresy and suffer eternal Damnation. Strange that the God of the Fundamentalists and the Space invaders of abduction lore have two things in common with each other, and (amusingly) with King Kong: (1) 'super-powers' that actually seem slightly, but not vastly, greater than the human norm; and (2) an IQ below most high-school drop-outs..."

"I suppose I agree with you that the jury should have let CSICOP off the hook on the grounds you cite (dampening effect on freedom of speech). - ...As I've said before, I just don't think poor old Randi should serve as sacrificial lamb or scapegoat for the whole loathesome gang. They almost all use slanderous innuendo as their major form of debate, just like the 1950s witch-hunters did.

"As Lloyd Bentson said to Bill Clinton yesterday, 'I don't believe any of these sexual allegations against you, Bill. You're no Jack Kennedy.'..."

JIM LIPPARD of Arizona Skeptics writes as follows:

"Robert Anton Wilson demonstrates his habitual carelessness with the facts when he writes that CSICOP was successfully sued 'about four years ago - in Oregon' by psychic detective Noreen Renier. Renier successfully sued John Merrell of the Northwest Skeptics in 1985-1986 for defamatory remarks he made about her in a letter to police and the Oregon media. Neither the Northwest Skeptics nor CSICOP were defendants in Renier's lawsuit....To the best of my knowledge, CSICOP has never lost a lawsuit."

Lovable old PHIL KLASS sends us this pleasant but somewhat peculiar letter:

"I wish to register a formal complaint about the contents of the Jan. 15th issue of 'Smear' - which devotes much too much space to the subject of (ugh) UFOs and barely any to Randi, Geller, Byrd, McIver, and CSICOP.

"If I want to read about UFOs, I'll subscribe to 'Skeptics UFO Newsletter' (SUN). What I've come to expect from 'Smear' are stories on homosexual claims, charges and boasts. Unless you return to your previous format I may be forced to cancel my non-subscription..."

"P.S: A great issue."

Independent skeptic & science writer DANIEL COHEN writes:

"...I see that you are having a 'sizzling argument' (your words) with Good Ol Phil Klass about his 'ethical standards or lack thereof'. A couple of years back I recall telling you that although I basically agree with Good Ol Phil's skepticism, otherwise I thought he was rotten to the core, and not a little nuts. Your point of view, as I remember it, was though you disagreed with Phil, you thought he was a sort of decent fellow whom you could get along with. Do I now have the right to say I told you so?

"I hope you break your (New Year's) resolution about not commenting on your argument. What else is there in the UFO field today except gossip? This fight will never make 'A Current Affair' but shouldn't be denied your readers"

Veteran UFO enthusiast STEVE BARNETT writes:

"...This Simone Mendez certainly looks like an enticing wench. Was there any conscious reason for placing her photo (in the last 'Smear') next to 'Notes from the Cosmic Stud'?..."

No conscious reason - Editor.

And, DICK FREEMAN writes as follows:

"Could you please let Ed Komarek know that I feel as if I have the right to know if he knows how I can get money off of Laurence, or any other Rockefeller (living or dead) for my extensive (not to say extreme) knowledge of UFOs. I sometimes think that I know more than anyone else in the field, in a Socratic sense, of course, since I know that I don't know anything at all.

"And as long as you are asking people for me, please ask Jacques Vallee (whose diaries I very much liked) to send some of those researchers who offer him dubious \$\$ my way. I don't care a jot for scientific method either, & I'm sure we could strike some sort of deal.

"Because if I can't make any money off my knowledge of UFOs, then I'm going to have to go ahead with my plans to put out a newsletter on the one other field I know, porno movies from the 1970s & 1980s (the Golden Age - like UFO research in the '50s must seem now)...."

MONTY CANTSIN (a pseudonym of some sort) writes:

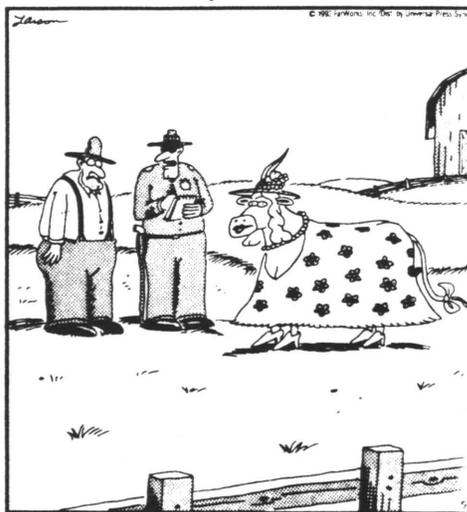
"...I had thought that ufologists had stopped with the absurd 'He is not a scientist, but I am' accusations, but there it is from Stanton T. Friedman, nuclear physicist, who I guess realizes he wouldn't be able to convince anyone he has an actual degree in physics, so he doesn't bother. It was bad enough when everyone was putting phony Ph.D.'s after their names, while checking their rivals' phony credentials. What is it now - someone caught Robert Lazar throwing salt over his shoulder after knocking over the shaker?...."

"Simone Mendez told me I should wear a tinfoil helmet so that the aliens will stop communicating with me telepathically, but I can't - they're the only friends I have."

ROBERT SPENCER CARR writes as follows:

"...I can unequivocally state that with each so-carefully-handcrafted issue, 'Smear' becomes more incisive, insightful, and indispensable to ufologists of every ilk!...."

THE FAR SIDE • Gary Larson



"You were hit last night by some cult, Mr. Gilber... Not the sickest cult I've ever seen, but a cult nonetheless."



"Just swat it away, Alice. This is a golf course. There's bound to be insects."

BIZARRO

By DAN PIRARO

I WAS AWAKENED IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT BY A HEAVENLY LIGHT BEAMING THROUGH MY WINDOWS. A DEEP, BOOMING VOICE FROM ABOVE COMMANDED ME TO COME OUTSIDE. I STUMBLED OUT OF BED, EAGER TO RECEIVE DIVINE GUIDANCE — WHEN I STEPPED OUT ONTO THE PORCH I WOKE UP ENOUGH TO REALIZE IT WAS THE COPS.



**PROMINENT SKEPTIC PHILLIP K. GLASS THREATENS NEW MEXICO
 CONGRESSMAN OVER ROSWELL INCIDENT:**

Noted skeptic Phillip K. Glass, writing in SUN #25, January 1994, has issued a veiled threat to a New Mexico Congressman, Republican Steven H. Schiff of Albuquerque, after the latter apparently requested the General Accounting Office (GAO) undertake an investigation into the alleged cover-up of an Air Force retrieval of a "flying disk" near Roswell, New Mexico, in July of 1947. SSUNN sources quoted Glass as saying, "I predict that Congressman Schiff will come to rue the day he ever became involved in claims of 'UFO cover-up' and 'Crashed Saucers.'"

Reached at his office, Congressman Schiff told SSUNN that he was considering hiring Tonya Harding's former bodyguard for personal protection. *"We'll see how that skates with the skeptics first," he said, "before considering any...shall we say...alternative measures."*

SSUNN has also learned that sometime last year [SSUNN Note: 1993], in response to growing Congressional curiosity regarding Roswell, *the National Archives began informing inquirers that they should contact one Colonel Larry Shockley, [allegedly] the director of Air Force Planning and Operations with the Department of Defense Legislative Affairs Office, hidden deep within the bowels of the Pentagon.* [Emphasis added.]

Thus apprised, this reporter, under contract to Omni Magazine, duly gave Col. Shockley a courtesy call on the 3rd of November at approximately 3:45 pm. [SSUNN Note: Col. Shockley's number, (703) 697-7786, is hereby withheld in the interest of protecting him from curious skeptics.] I asked Col. Shockley for a statement regarding UFOs in general and Roswell in particular. I volunteered to summarize the Roswell case, but Shockley cut me off, saying "we've already had several congressional inquiries about that." Silence ensued. "Well?" I finally asked. "Well, what?" "Well, what about the Air Force's position regarding UFOs in general and Roswell in particular?" "You'll have to talk to the Air Force about that," said Shockley, "I'm with the Department of Defense." "Then why is the National Archives giving out your name as the one to talk to about Roswell?" "Bye," said Shockley. He then hung up!

How g-d rude! Colonel Shockley is supposed to be a public servant--answerable and polite if nothing else--to the press and individual citizens alike. *Perhaps apologist Glass would like to perform a public service and inquire as to why this patently wasn't the case with this particular Pentagon official, given that Roswell is presumably only so much smoke?* He might also tell us whether Col. Shockley is employed by the Air Force or the Department of Defense. SSUNN ALSO WONDERS IF MR. GLASS IS FULLY AWARE THAT NUMEROUS AIR FORCE (AND OTHER PROMINENT GOVERNMENT) OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN CAUGHT AND CONVICTED IN THE PAST OF SPINNING THEIR OWN SELF-SERVING "TALL TALES"?

Lunatics have civil rights, too